

What is claimed is:

1. A base station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access with a plurality of mobile stations and providing multi-rate transmission, the base station comprising a switching unit for switching transmission code from a first code to a second based on timing information transmitted to one of the plurality of mobile stations for switching the first code to the second code,

wherein the timing information is used for switching the first code to the second code at the one of the plurality of mobile stations.

2. A radio communication method of base station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access with a plurality of mobile stations and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication method comprising:

switching transmission code from a first code to a second based on timing information transmitted to one of the plurality of mobile stations for switching the first code to the, second code,

wherein the timing information is used for switching the first code to the second code at the one of the plurality of mobile stations.